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CONGRATULATING Peg Churchill upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of dedicated public service to Wayne County

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Peg Churchill upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of dedicated public service to Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, Peg Churchill served Wayne County with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; and

WHEREAS, Born in Rochester, New York, Peg Churchill lived in France as a small child while her father, an Army Captain and Physician, was stationed in Paris; and

WHEREAS, In 1954, Peg Churchill and her family moved to Walworth, New York, where she attended school; she graduated from Nazareth College before earning her Master's degree in English from Brockport and the University of Rochester; and

WHEREAS, Peg and Tim Churchill were united in marriage in 1972; the proud parents of four children and the loving grandparents of five grandchildren, the couple was married for 41 years until Tim's death in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Peg Churchill was a Teacher in Penfield, New York, before serving for four years on the Walworth Town Board; she went on to become the first woman Supervisor in Walworth; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Peg Churchill and her husband started the Wayne weekly newspaper with a focus on arts, recreation and cultural events, and with the vision to print only positivity; one year later, she became the part-time Executive Director of the Erie Canal Cultural Center (ECCC), working on the renovation of the Hammet Building on the Erie Canal in Lyons; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Peg Churchill served for eight years as a member of the Western Erie Canal Heritage Corridor Planning Commission and the Western Erie Canal Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Hired as a Planner in the Wayne County Planning Department

in 2001, Peg Churchill held the title of Executive Director of the Industrial Development Agency (IDA) and Executive Director of three other local development corporations: the Wayne Economic Development Corporation, the Wayne Industrial Local Development Corporation and the Wayne County Civil Facility Local Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman later became the Deputy Director of the Economic Development and Planning Department and Director of the Economic Development and Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Peg Churchill rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Wayne County, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Peg Churchill over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Peg Churchill upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of dedicated public service to Wayne County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peg Churchill.